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# Town of Pittston Maine Annual Town Meeting Warrant 2016

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# Town of Pittston

State of Maine  
Town of Pittston  
County of Kennebec, ss.

To: S. Larry Ireland, Resident of the Town of Pittston, County of Kennebec

Greetings,

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Pittston qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at the Pittston Consolidated School in Pittston on Saturday March 19, 2016, at 9:45 a.m. and there act on the following Articles:

**Article 1:** To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting and then to act on Articles 2 through 33.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,135.54 for contingency, together with the current contingency reserve funds of \$17,864.46 totaling \$20,000.00, to cover unforeseen expenses at the Select Board's discretion, with unspent monies to go into Surplus.

	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and release \$306,488.00 for General Administrative Services. (\$85,000 from surplus, \$11,000.00 from excise and \$210,488.00 to be raised and appropriated.)

	2015 Budget	2016 Budget	
<b>Administrative Work Force (Breakdown Below)</b>			
<b>Administrative Contracted Services</b> (Assessors' Agent)	17,500.00	17,500.00	
<b>Support Staff</b> this includes the following: Code Enforcement Officers, Animal Control Officer, Health Officer, Moderators, Recycling Attendant, Ballot Clerks/Election Expenses, Harbor Master	22,800.00	23,000.00	
<b>Fire Chief</b>	12,000.00	12,000.00	
<b>Road Commissioner</b>	11,000.00	11,000.00	
<b>Administration</b> (Selectpersons)	15,500.00	15,500.00	
<b>Town Office Administrative Services</b> this includes the following: Administrative Secretary, Tax Collector/Treasurer, Town Clerk	95,000.00	95,000.00	
<b>SUB -TOTAL</b>	<b>\$173,800.00</b>	<b>\$174,000.00</b>	

Administrative Expenses	29,000.00	32,000.00	
Insurance	18,580.00	21,000.00	
Town Office Operations (formerly Town Office Maintenance)	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Health Insurance	18,000.00	19,500.00	
Employees' Retirement Match	2,288.00	2,288.00	
Ambulance	20,082.00	15,300.00	
Personnel Committee	100.00	100.00	
Memorial Day/Flags	300.00	350.00	
Tax Map Update	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Trio Maintenance Agreement	6,000.00	6,500.00	
Maine Municipal Association	3,020.00	(included in Admin Expenses \$3,095.50)	
Payroll Taxes	11,500.00	12,500.00	
Appeals Board Operations	100.00	100.00	
Spirit of America	150.00	150.00	
Employee Training	1,500.00	1,500.00	
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>	<b>\$131,820.00</b>	<b>\$132,488.00</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$305,620.00</b>	<b>\$306,488.00</b>	

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Town Physical Plant account.

	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for information technology.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Town's General Assistance account.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to accept monies donated to the Town for General Assistance purposes.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 for Planning Board expenses.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$7,000.00 for disposing of Town recyclables.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000.00 for the removal of solid waste.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	1

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 to handle the Town's Septic waste, in order to comply with the State of Maine's Solid Disposal Regulation 38 M.R.S.A § 1305.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	1

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate 100% of the money received from the State of Maine for the registration of snowmobiles to be released to the Pittston Prowlers Snowmobile Club, Inc., for the purpose of maintaining their snowmobile trails, to be open to the use of snowmobiles at all times and to authorize the Selectboard to enter into an agreement with the Club, under such terms and conditions as the Select Board may deem advisable for that purpose. Amount received is \$1,284.28.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,725.00 toward the upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries within the Town's boundaries.

<b>Cemeteries</b>	<b>Approved 2015</b>	<b>Requested 2016</b>
Hunt	200.00	200.00
Day	50.00	50.00
Gould Tomb	50.00	50.00
Knights Tomb	50.00	50.00
Fuller	75.00	75.00
Blodgett	75.00	75.00
Oakman	175.00	175.00
Moores	50.00	50.00
Veterans' Memorial	100.00	100.00
Riverside	1900.00	1900.00
Riverside Annex	1200.00	1200.00
Coss Hill	2000.00	2000.00
North Pittston	750.00	750.00
Goodspeed	450.00	450.00
Maple Grove	1000.00	1000.00
Old East Pittston	500.00	500.00
Blair	50.00	50.00
Moody	400.00	400.00
Stevens	100.00	100.00
Palmer	175.00	175.00
King	75.00	75.00
Lapham	100.00	100.00
LaPlain	100.00	100.00
Cooper (Harris)	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,725.00</b>	<b>\$9,725.00</b>

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of monies toward municipal affiliations.

Name of Municipal Affiliation	Approved 2015	Requested 2016	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Chrysalis Place (Food Bank)	2,000.00	2,000.00	3-0-0	8-0-0
Pittston Fair Association	3,000.00	3,000.00	3-0-0	7-1-0
Gardiner Public Library	22,614.00	23,292.00	2-1-0	1-6-1
Kennebec Valley Humane Society	4,239.00	4,239.00	3-0-0	8-0-0
Boys & Girls Club	14,440.00	14,440.00	3-0-0	8-0-0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,293.00</b>	<b>\$46,971.00</b>		

**Article 15:** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for charitable affiliations.

Name of Charitable Affiliation	Approved 2015	Requested 2016	Select Board Recommends	Budget Committee Recommends
Spectrum Generations	1,772.00	1,772.00	3-0-0	7-1-0
Family Violence Project	2,375.00	2,375.00	3-0-0	7-1-0
KV Behavioral Health	3,400.00	3,400.00	3-0-0	7-1-0
Sexual Assault & Crisis	932.75	0		
Faith Christain Food Pantry		\$1,500.00	3-0-0	8-0-0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,479.75</b>	<b>9,047.00</b>		

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to set the compensation it will pay for road related equipment and labor for the ensuing year.

Select Board Recommends	State Wages or lower for equipment and \$15/hr. for laborers.	3-0-0
Budget Committee Recommends		7-0-1

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and release \$457,350.00 for the Town's highway accounts from Excise Tax/Excise Tax Reserve.

Account	Budget 2015	Budget 2016
Summer Maintenance, this includes the following; Brush Cutting, Ditching, Grading and Special Roads.	\$65,000.00	\$93,000.00
Salt Shed Maintenance	32,000.00	3,600.00
Highway/Bridges	12,000.00	13,000.00

Hot Topping	90,000.00	90,000.00
Snow Removal, Sand and Salt	245,000.00	257,250.00
Tractor Maintenance	500.00	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$444,500.00</b>	<b>\$457,350.00</b>

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	1

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Excise Tax/Excise Tax Reserve and/or Local Roads Savings Account any money not previously appropriated in the articles of this warrant for any emergency work on Town roads as deemed advisable by the Municipal Officers and the Road Commissioner.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	0	1

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will (1) **approve** a capitol project consisting of the demolition of the East Pittston Village Fire Station, and construction of a new 48' x 48' 3-bay fire station on the same premises, including transaction costs and other expenses reasonably related thereto; (2) **appropriate** the sum of \$300,000 to fund the project; (3) **authorize** the Town Treasurer and the Chair of Select Board to issue general obligation securities of the Town (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000 to fund the appropriation; and (4) **delegate** to the Treasurer and the Chair of Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the dates, maturities, interest rates, denomination, calls for redemption (with or without premium), form and other details of said securities, including authority to execute and deliver the securities on behalf of the Town.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Outstanding balance of bonds previously issued:	\$0
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$0
C. Anticipated amount of bonds to be issued:	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total:	\$300,000

Costs: At an estimated net interest rate of 2.5% for a ten (10) year maturity, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Total Principal	\$300,000
Interest	<u>\$ 36,000</u>
Total Debt Service	\$336,000

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voter's ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates, the ratification by the voters is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bonds is not affected by reason of the variance.

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Treasurer, Town of Pittston

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to release \$10,000.00 from Surplus and \$12,000.00 from the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account to replace the shingles on Central Fire Station roof with seamless metal roofing.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$62,000.00 for fire protection services with unspent monies going into the Fire Department Reserve.

Budget Item	Budget 2015	Budget 2016
Operations	32,000.00	32,000.00
Payroll	25,000.00	30,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$57,000.00</b>	<b>\$62,000.00</b>

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000.00 for Fire Department Communication Maintenance with unspent monies going into the Fire Department Reserve.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 23:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000.00 to go into the Fire Department Reserve Savings Account.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,500.00 for Emergency Dispatching Services.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0



**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500.00 to cover the net result of abatements and supplemental taxes for tax previously assessed.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will fix dates when the taxes shall be due and payable, and to see if the Town will fix a rate of interest to be charged on unpaid taxes after said date, and to allow the Tax Collector to collect prepayment of taxes prior to commitment pursuant to Title 35 M.R.S.A. § Section 36 (prepayment of taxes).

Tax Collector recommends August 31, 2016 or 30 days after Commitment, whichever comes first, and December 5, 2016, and an annual interest rate of 7%.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest at 3% to be paid on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4).

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to dispose of surplus Town-owned personal property with a value of \$1,000 or less, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to release monies received through grants and reimbursements to the Town's operating accounts/expenses.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	8	0	0

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board and Treasurer to secure temporary loans in anticipation of taxes for the ensuing year.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate up to \$1,200.00 for interest charges on temporary tax anticipated loan.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed one third of the budgeted amount in each category of the 2016 Annual Budget during the period from January 1, 2017 to the March 2017 Town Meeting.

Recommendation of	For	Against	Abstain
Select Board	3	0	0
Budget Committee	7	1	0

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$313,184.66 established for the Town of Pittston by State law in the event that the Municipal Budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Polls will be open on March 21, 2016 at the Pittston Town Office from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Municipal Elections.

The Registrar of Voters will hold office hours while the polls are open to correct any errors in, or changes in name or address on the voting list, to accept the registration of any person eligible to vote, and to accept new enrollments.

A person who is not a registered voter may not vote in any election.

The Town Clerk will begin opening absentee ballots at 2 p.m. on the day of the Municipal Election March 21, 2016.

Given under our hands this eighth day of March 2016:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jane H. Hubert, Select Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jean Ambrose, Select Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Roger T. Linton, Select Person

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Deborah J. Barry  
Clerk of Pittston

## **RETURN ON THE WARRANT**

Pittston, Maine

March 8, 2016

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as herein expressed, to meet at said time and place, and for the purposes therein named, by posting an attested copy of said warrant at the Pittston Town Office, at the Village Store, and at C & W Repair Garage in said Town, being public and conspicuous places in said Town, on the eighth day of March, 2016, being at least seven days before the meeting.

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S. Larry Ireland, Resident of Pittston